THE AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

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- 1. (Previously Presented) A conjugate comprising (a) an amphiphilic transport peptide of human origin as a transmembrane module, (b) a nuclear localization sequence, wherein said nuclear localization sequence is covalently coupled to the transmembrane module via a cleavable spacer, and (c) a signalling and/or drug carrying module.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the signalling and/or drug carrying module comprises Gd, Ga, Mn, I, Fe and/or F as image creating compound.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the transmembrane module is the human homeobox protein HOX-B1 or derivative thereof having an amino acid sequence identity to HOX-B1 of at least 60%.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The conjugate of claim 3, wherein the transmembrane module comprises the amino acid sequence TQVKIWFQNRRMKQKK (SEQ ID NO: 1).
- 5. (Currently Amended) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein the nuclear localization sequence comprises the amino acid sequence PKKKRKV (SEQ ID NO: 3) or KPKRVKK (SEQ ID NO: 5).
- 6. (Previously Presented) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein the nuclear localization sequence is coupled to the signalling and/or drug carrying module or a compound trapping the signalling and/or drug carrying module via a non-cleavable spacer II.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The conjugate according to claim 6, wherein <u>the cleavable</u> spacer [[I]] comprises a cleavable disulfide bridge.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The conjugate according to claim 6, wherein spacer II is polylysine.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The conjugate according to claim 6, wherein spacer II carries an FITC label.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein the conjugate has the

following structure: transmembrane module - spacer I - nuclear localization sequence - spacer II - signalling and/or drug carrying module or compound trapping the signalling and/or drug carrying module + signalling and/or drug carrying module.

- 11. (Previously Presented) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein said conjugate further comprises a cytotoxic drug.
- 12-16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (New) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the conjugate is used as a diagnostic composition for cell tracking.
- 18. (New) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the conjugate is used as a contrast agent for MRI.
- 19. (New) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the conjugate is used as a diagnostic composition for determining the activity of DNA repair enzymes.
- 20. (New) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the conjugate is used as a pharmaceutical composition for the chemotherapeutical treatment of a tumor.
- 21. (New) The conjugate of claim 1, wherein the conjugate is used as a pharmaceutical composition for the intranuclear GNCT-treatment of a tumor.